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Business mogul shot

CRIME

Strategic Group CEO Riaz Mamdani in critical condition

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Calgary police say an shooting early Monday morning appears to be targeted.

The victim has been identified by his company, Strategic Group, as Riaz Mamdani, CEO.

"Honestly, all I know is that Riaz Mamdani is stable," said Lisa Maragh, director of brand and community for Strategic Group. "Our company's best wishes go out to his family who's naturally upset at this time."

Staff Sgt. Travis Baker of the Calgary Police Service said the male victim remains in critical but stable condition after being shot in the community of Mount Royal Monday morning. He said the victim suffered multiple injuries but is conscious and speaking with investigators.

According to Baker, police were called to the home in the 2200 block of 7 Street SW around 8:05 a.m. Monday, after receiving reports of a shooting. When they arrived, a man in his 40s was located injured inside a vehicle and was taken to hospital in serious condition.

"We're certainly canvassing the area and hoping that anyone who might have information about a vehicle would please come forward," he said.

Baker said there was another person in the vehicle with Mamdani, but wouldn't confirm their relationship.

At 8:10 a.m. police received reports of a vehicle fire a few blocks away, in the 3800 block of 7 Street SW. Police said it's not yet known if this incident, or the vehicle involved, is connected to the shooting.

When asked if police believed there was a relationship between this crime and Mamdani's business, Baker said he wouldn't speculate so early in the investigation.

"If this is business related we'll certainly be looking at those things," he said.

The CPS said the only available description of the attacker is that it was a man wearing a bright orange jacket.

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IN BRIEF

Road rage 'shocking'
Over the past few weeks there have been four highly publicized road rage incidents, including a story of a mother beaten with a hockey stick in front of her child.

On Monday, after two incidents, both allegedly including weapons, the city's chief of police addressed the issue with reporters. "It's shocking to see what goes on, and the level of violence associated to them," said Chaffin. "These acts of cowardice on the road have to stop." HELEN PIKE/METRO

Task force given award
A number of Calgary volunteers and public servants are being recognized for running towards the flames, in Alberta's time of need during the Fort McMurray wildfires.

The team of workers and 150 volunteers from across southern Alberta was recognized by the Alberta Emergency Management Agency achievement award in the category of responding to a significant event. HELEN PIKE/METRO

Popeyes launch paused
Calgarians will have to wait to sink their teeth into some Louisiana-style fried chicken, after Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen Inc. announced it is delaying the opening of its first Calgary location until further notice.

The company said a December opening is still expected. METRO

City council has voted in favour of the cycle track network. ELIZABETH CAMERON/FOR METRO

Council decides to keep cycle tracks

MUNICIPAL POLITICS

'Crazy debate' forced them to do a better job: Mayor Nenshi

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

It should stay, it shouldn't go.

That's what council has ultimately decided after hours of debate on a contentious question: Should we keep the downtown cycle track network?

The 10 votes showed council has changed its stripes since the pilot was proposed and voted for in 2014 with eight votes for and seven against.

"This has been a very, very interesting project for a number of reasons," said Mayor Naheed Nenshi. "But I want to say that in one way it has been extremely helpful for us on both sides, because this crazy debate ... has forced us to do a better job."

He said proponents were forced to analyze and think about the benefits, and skeptics forced administration to be thoughtful in the implementation.

Peter Oliver of Calgarians for Cycle Tracks said his group is thrilled council listened to citizens and businesses.

"Calgary is a better city for this decision," said Oliver. "The disproportionate amount of scrutiny on this tiny project never made sense."

Coun. Ward Sutherland said he'd purposefully driven on 12 Avenue approximately 75 times in the last few months to see what all the fuss was about.

"It's extremely confusing, it actually doesn't make it safe, it frustrates everybody," said Sutherland. "Unless it's fixed, unless we can do something to make it right, I can't support the program. I hate an all-or-nothing."

Coun. Evan Woolley said whether the Green Line is at surface or underground will have an impact on the cycle track.

LEADERSHIP RACE

Red Deer PC event probed

Josie Lukey
For Metro | Calgary

Alberta politicians are responding to an report released Sunday that detailed an investigation into a PC party policy conference in Red Deer in early November.

A third-party investigation into the conference launched after leadership candidates Sandra Jansen and Jason Kenney complained of harassment and intimidating behaviour found there was "rude and ill-mannered behaviour," but no evidence suggesting leadership candidates were orchestrating the attacks.

A statement from Kenney's campaign said they're pleased the report corroborates the past comments of the campaign's innocence.

"Our campaign has strived to exhibit a positive and respectful tone throughout. Neither Jason nor any member of the campaign staff has engaged in personal attacks against other candidates," the statement read.

Sandra Jansen took to Twitter to express her dissatisfaction with the results. In a series of tweets, Jansen used the hashtag #NoPartyForWomen, accusing the PCAA of having an old boys' club mentality.

Donna Kennedy-Glans, who dropped out of the leadership race after the conference, said she accepts the results of the report. Previously, Kennedy-Glans said she didn't witness harassment directly.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Calgary animators, stay home: Pixar veteran

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Former Pixar animator Steve Rabatich think Calgary could be the next hotspot for animation — except much of the province's talent ends up moving out, to places like B.C.

"There's a lot of untrained talent here," said Rabatich. "What has to happen here, they have to get the labour tax credits here the same as B.C. to really kick off the industry."

Rabatich wants to be the one to help launch the industry here, beginning with a Christmas special he spent the last eight months animating called Our Little Princess, which has just been picked up for network distribution for next Christmas (but it's already on YouTube if you can't wait).

Rabatich got his start in the 70s at the California Institute of the Arts, where he was classmates with John Lasseter, the famed chief of Pixar.

Later Rabatich would contribute to the animation team on the first Toy Story movie.

"I did a lot of Mr. Potatohead scenes," he laughed. "Animation at that level, you can really animate anything. I did the scene, (as Andy opens his presents), 'Mrs. Potato Head, Mrs. Potato Head, Mrs. Potato Head ... hey, I can dream, can't I?'"

Rabatich, meanwhile, is dreaming of creating his own animation studio in Calgary, to keep animation talent from looking elsewhere.

> **There's a lot of untrained talent here.**
> Steve Rabatich

Steve Rabatich previously worked in Vancouver when the animation industry was just kicking off there, and now hopes to bring the same growth to Calgary. ELIZABETH CAMERON/FOR METRO

Dr. Kelly Sunberg said he and his fellow faculty of justice colleagues would be enthusiastic and well suited to take on a third-party review of the Calgary Police Service. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Justice profs hope to conduct review

MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY

Calgary Police Service to face evaluation by third party

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

In the wake of heightened scrutiny of the Calgary Police Service over the last number of months and a commitment for an independent review, one university professor says he and his colleagues are prepared to take on the challenge.

Dr. Kelly Sundberg, associate professor in the department of justice studies at Mount Royal University, said he believes the chief of police and his executive officers are "very awake" to the public concern and have been proactive in dealing with it.

"This police administration — since the chief took over, and even before that — has been a very forward-thinking organization," he said. "It's unfortunate they had a perfect storm of negative coverage that's resulted in them being under a microscope."

That being said, Sundberg said he believes there is value in a third-party, wholesale review of the force and other police services in the province.

"It's not just Calgary. Edmonton has had issues, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, everyone has had problems," he said.

And Sundberg said he's talked to his colleagues at MRU about taking on the review.

"We've even budgeted it out. How much it would cost, how many professors it would take, what kind of professors," he said. "There's a group of us who have thought it through. We think there needs to be a multi-disciplinary approach and it has to be province wide, a study of policing in the province."

As the only university with a justice studies program, a faculty who specializes in it (with 10 tenured professors who have all authored on the subject), Sundberg said MRU would be perfect for the job.

"The benefit of such a study would be formative in approach and looking at best practices across the province and the country and having evidence based solutions," he said.

In an emailed statement, CPS said they are in the process of selecting the most appropriate individual or organization to conduct the review.

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Caitlan Coleman and Joshua Boyle with their children. TWITTER

Canadian hostage, kids seen in video

AFGHANISTAN

Held since 2012, family describes 'Kafkaesque nightmare'

A video showing the two children of Canadian captive Joshua Boyle and his American wife Caitlan Coleman for the first time was posted online Monday as Coleman describes what they call a "Kafkaesque nightmare."

The family has been held by the Taliban-linked Haqqani Network since 2012 — both boys born in captivity. Coleman says the video was made Dec. 3 and as they ask for their freedom she says both her children "have seen their mother defiled."

"We understand both sides hate us," she says. "And are content to leave us and our two surviving children in these problems… We ask quickly that in our collective fourteenth year of prison, urge the governments on both sides to reach some agreement to allow us freedom."

Boyle, 33, and Coleman, 31, were kidnapped near Kabul during a backpacking trip through Central Asia in October 2012. Coleman was five months pregnant at the time and gave birth to their son in custody. They had a second boy in 2015, after what Boyle told his parents was a "7 ½ month surreptitious pregnancy."

Boyle delivered his second son in the darkness by flashlight. "Ta-da!" he wrote in correspondence seen by Torstar News Service. "The astonished captors were good and brought all our post-partum needs, so he is now fat and healthy, praise God."

Boyle's writings, delivered through intermediaries and written in his tiny penmanship, provided a glimpse into his family's life in captivity.

"We are trying to keep spirits high for the children and play Beautiful Life," he wrote.

Boyle's parents believe this is a reference to the movie in which a father protects his son from the brutalities of a Nazi concentration camp by pretending it is just a game.

The writings also had references to the boys, along with Stompin' Tom Connors lyrics and Mother Teresa quotes, International Space Station and Rudyard Kipling and Thomas Merton poems. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HALIFAX

Shipping delay strands animals

Adina Bresge
For Metro | Halifax

A batch of live animals are recovering in their enclosures after a harrowing, four-day shipping delay at the Halifax airport, according to a pet store manager.

Terri-Ann Crisby said two chinchillas, two hamsters, two geckos and 40 fish were scheduled to be shipped on an overnight flight from Montreal to Gander on Wednesday, but the order was held up during a connection in Halifax enroute to northeastern Newfoundland.

By the time the animals arrived Sunday morning, Crisby said all but 32 fish survived the journey to Pet Central in Gander, N.L., after being stranded for days due to bad weather.

Crisby said she drove to the airport eight times between Thursday and Sunday, but each time she arrived, she was told her shipment had been bumped.

She called Air Canada to stress that live animals need to be handled differently than baggage.

"I even asked them if they could just open their containers and give them some water and food," said Crisby. "They said because of liability reasons they couldn't."

Crisby called a pet store in Halifax, who sent someone to tend to the critters. After nearly 48 hours in transit, the rodents replenished and the geckos warmed up on heating pads.

In an emailed statement, a spokesperson for Air Canada said the airline takes great care when transporting "live cargo," such as ensuring tropical animals are packed to withstand the cold during "irregular operations."

According to the airline, the pet store's shipment contained goldfish and crickets.

Crisby insists she didn't order any crickets, but said Air Canada was well aware that her order included mammals because they are shipped in see-through containers.

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A man identified as Mevlut Mert Altintas killed Andrei Karlov, the Russian Ambassador to Turkey, shouting: 'Don't forget Aleppo! Don't forget Syria!' AP & GETTY IMAGES

We need to talk about the real tragedy

The man who killed the Russian ambassador was born in 1994, the year of the Rwandan Genocide, and was 16 when the Syrian civil war started; a child became a man in monstrous times

Vicky Mochama
Metro | Toronto

Angry young men with weapons — trucks, guns, bombs, the Internet — exist everywhere; they have the ability to upend fragile peaces and spark destructive wars. An apparent terror attack in Berlin, and the assassination of the Russian ambassador to Turkey yesterday are being compared with the initiating acts of World War I.

I don't know if the comparison is fair, but I am concerned that these tragedies will exacerbate the global refugee crisis. According to the U.N. Refugee Agency, there are 65.3 million displaced persons, the largest movement of people since the end of World War I. Nearly a third of the refugee population comes from Syria (4.9 million), Afghanistan (2.7 million) and Somalia (1.1 million).

In fear, they have crossed continents by foot, on trucks, over water and by plane. In danger, they have negotiated with criminal traffickers, marine patrols and refugee camp staff. In hope, they have sent children ahead alone, sold everything to get to anywhere else and prayed for salvation. Too many have received none.

The Syrian crisis hasn't exposed the limits of our humanitarian claims. Dadaab refugee camp's twenty-five years of existence already showed our hand. What appears to be a looming genocide in South Sudan has been met with relative silence. Northern Nigeria remains besieged by Boko Haram. The Syrian crisis has solidified those limits.

Security guards a Christmas market in Berlin. GETTY IMAGES

It has been over a year since the body of Alan Kurdi made front pages across the world. He wasn't the last child to escape the world's wilful ignorance.

I couldn't help but be struck by the age of the man who killed the Russian ambassador. He was born in 1994, the year of the Rwandan Genocide, and was 16 when the Syrian civil war started; a child became a man in monstrous times. For him and so many, the global community's "never again" continues to mean "again and again."

Nonetheless, it is a heinous murder that, with its echoes from a century ago, is inexcusable. The true tragedy is that this horrific act further endangers the very people it claims to be defending. More than half of Syrian refugees have fled to Turkey where they live in a fraught atmosphere. In the last few months, Turkey has experienced a series of terror attacks and a failed coup.

There is no evidence that the gunman was a refugee. That will hardly matter. The example of Kenya and its Somali population shows that refugees easily become political footballs to be tossed around with calculated cruelty.

In Canada, our connection to the plight of the Kurdi family spurred a national response. Whether as duty or as penance, we took in 25,000 Syrians. That is a drop in the bucket. This effort pales in comparison to the scale of the crisis. "Refugees Welcome" should be more than a slogan, it should become our way of life.

LATEST NEWS

TURKEY

Invoking Syria, gunman kills Russian ambassador

A Turkish policeman fatally shot Russia's ambassador to Turkey on Monday in front of a shocked gathering at a photo exhibit and then, pacing near the body of his victim, appeared to condemn Russia's military role in Syria, shouting: "Don't forget Aleppo! Don't forget Syria!"

People at the art gallery watched in horror as the gunman, who was wearing a dark suit and tie, fired at least eight shots, at one point walking around Ambassador Andrei Karlov as he lay motionless and shooting him again at close range.

The assailant, who was identified as Mevlut Mert Altintas, a 22-year-old member of Ankara's riot police squad, was later killed in a shootout with police. Three other people were wounded in the attack, authorities said.

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BERLIN

Truck rams Berlin Christmas market, killing at least 12

A truck rammed into a crowded Christmas market in central Berlin on Monday evening, killing at least 12 people and injuring around 50 as it tore through tables and wooden stands. Police said a suspect believed to be the driver was arrested nearby and a passenger died as paramedics were treating him.

The popular Christmas market was filled with a mix of tourists and locals when the large truck hurtled into it. Germany's top security official said initial evidence pointed to an intentional act, and the White House condemned "what appears to have been a terrorist attack."

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UNITED STATES

Obama grants record pardons to 78 people in last-minute clemency push

President Barack Obama has pardoned 78 people and shortened the sentence of 153 others convicted of federal crimes, the greatest number of individual clemencies in a single day by any president, the White House said Monday.

Obama has been granting commutations at rapid-fire pace in his final months in office, but he has focused primarily on shortening sentences of those convicted of drug offences rather than giving pardons.

Neil Eggleston, Obama's White House counsel, said Obama has now pardoned a total of 148 people during his presidency. He has also shortened the sentences of 1,176 people, including 395 serving life sentences.

Eggleston said each clemency recipient's story is unique, but a common thread of rehabilitation underlies all of them.

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Obama pardoned 78 people and shortened sentences for 153 others. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SWITZERLAND

Gunman attacks Zurich mosque

A gunman dressed in black stormed into the prayer hall of a mosque frequented by Somali immigrants and opened fire, wounding three people before fleeing, a Zurich police spokesman said Monday.

Police, who rushed to the scene in a central neighbourhood known for trendy cafes and the city's red-light district, were also investigating a possible connection to the discovery of a corpse at nearby Gessner bridge over the Sihl River, police spokesman Marco Bisa said.

Authorities weren't considering the attack as terrorism. Police also said it was too early to determine whether there might be any link to an incident in Berlin also on Monday, where a truck rammed into a Christmas market.

"The unknown person fired several shots and fled from the building," Bisa said. "The shooting took place inside a prayer room with several people in it. Two victims were severely injured."

Bisa but did not specify the nationalities of the people injured.

At the scene, Abukav Abshirow, a 30-year-old Somali man who works at a Zurich car dealership, said his friend was among the injured. He recalled how they had been celebrating a religious occasion at the centre the night before.

"I am under shock," he said. "We've had great times here. The atmosphere was always friendly and happy at the centre."

Attacks by gunmen are rare in Switzerland. The country was shaken in 2013 by at least two multiple-fatality shootings.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON TRUDEAU AS PARLIAMENTARIAN

Question period has never been a prime venue for intellectual honesty, and Trudeau is not reinventing the genre.

Notwithstanding a spotty attendance record, Justin Trudeau spoke no less than 513 times in the House of Commons — mostly as part of question period — since the 42nd Parliament opened late in 2015.

Over the past year, the prime minister delivered more bromides than policy statements. The day Trudeau rose in the House to declare his intention to set a national floor price on carbon was a notable exception.

But the climate change issue — even as it has been top of mind for the Liberal government since it took power — was not one of the topics most raised with the prime minister in the House this year.

Pride of place in the list of questions put to Trudeau goes instead to political financing and the Liberal practice of offering private face time with the prime minister or one of his ministers in exchange for donations to the party.

Trudeau was asked more than 100 questions related to his and his cabinet's participation in cash-for-access events, and the potential conflicts-of-interest that could arise from the practice.

He dismissed most of those questions with a blanket assurance that all rules were being followed. The record shows that on at least 25 occasions, Trudeau repeated the same answer almost word for word.

Trudeau is hardly the first PM to resort to obfuscation and evasion. That may be why his stonewalling has so far not exacted much of a cost.

In so doing, the prime minister mostly demonstrated the limited virtues of repetition.

At year's end, there remains a glaring disconnect between his contention that the fuss over cash-for-access is unwarranted and the guidelines that state "there should be no preferential access to government, or appearance of preferential access, accorded to individuals or organizations because they have made financial contributions to politicians and political parties."

COMMONS MAN Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks during question period on Parliament hill on Dec. 7.
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Electoral reform was the other issue that dogged Trudeau in the House over the past year. He was on the receiving end of more than 40 questions about his promise to introduce a different voting system in time for the next election. Over the year, his intentions became harder rather than easier to pin down.

When a special parliamentary committee was tasked with exploring the issue in June, the focus of the prime minister's interventions in the House was on the mandate he claimed he had to change the way Canadians elect their government.

"Sixty per cent of Canadians voted in favour of parties that promised to change the current voting system. Canadians clearly indicated that they wanted the most recent election to be the last one conducted under the existing system," Trudeau told the House just before it adjourned for the summer.

But by December, he did not sound as certain or as enamoured of his mandate. "The fact is there are many, many different perspectives across this country on electoral reform," the prime minister told the MPs who wanted to know how he would follow up on the special committee report.

Question period has never been a prime venue for intellectual honesty, and Trudeau is not reinventing the genre. He is hardly the first prime minister to resort to obfuscation and evasion to talk his way out of unwanted opposition questions. That may be why his stonewalling has so far not exacted much of a political cost.

For all the travel Trudeau does at home and abroad, Canadians would, in theory, be more likely to catch a glimpse of the prime minister in action in the Commons where he appears more regularly than anywhere else.

In practice though, that is not the case.

In its annual tally of Canada's news coverage the Montreal firm Influence Communication found that with the exception of the federal budget, the most reported-on Canadian political events of the past year took place off the Hill.

In its year-end review of 2016 Canadian politics, CTV listed just one story — the adoption of Canada's right-to-die legislation — in which Parliament truly took centre stage.

An Abacus poll published this weekend reported that one-third of Canadians had not heard of the fundraising controversy the opposition and the media have so consistently hammered Trudeau about over the past few months.

Almost half said they had not heard of the ongoing online consultation on electoral reform — and that's after the government sent a card about it to every household.

By any measure, much of what happens on Parliament ends up staying on Parliament Hill. That is not just because there are fewer journalists to cover what goes on there. But more on that in a future column.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer.

The conservative case for pricing carbon

Vince Gasparro

American President-elect Donald Trump has threatened to tear up the Paris climate change agreement and withdraw from other means to battle climate change. Meanwhile, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau insists our country needs pollution pricing, and he will work with the provinces to do so, much to the chagrin of some conservative voices in Canada.

If the Canadian right and business press don't want to listen to Trudeau, maybe they'll listen to none other than George W. Bush-era Treasury Secretary and former Goldman Sachs CEO Hank Paulson. He has called for urgent action to curb planetary warming with a raft of measures including — to the shock of the political right — a price on carbon.

Paulson argued in The New York Times recently, "The solution [to climate change] can be a fundamentally conservative one that will empower the marketplace to find the most efficient response. We can do this by putting a price on emissions of carbon dioxide."

Paulson wouldn't have stuck his neck out for nothing and his openness to carbon pricing signals an emerging shift in thinking among global financial experts who assess risk for a living. The simple fact is the environment and the economy are linked more closely now then ever before.

On a national level, Canada cannot expect to be competitive in this century if it does not start to link the environment and the economy. Simply taking the bitumen out of the ground, shipping it elsewhere to get refined and then importing it back will not create the jobs and economic activity that we need in the coming decades.

We now have the political will in this country to unleash the power of capital markets by establishing a national carbon market. Doing so will create market-based incentives for Canadian businesses to innovative and leverage renewables where possible. At the same time it will reduce the premium that governments pay out for renewable power.

Demand for clean energy is growing. Solar power has already hit grid parity, and global energy output from solar is expected to rise to 16 per cent by 2020 up from approximately 2 per cent today.

If Canada wants to replace manufacturing jobs that have been leaving North America in droves, it can start by making value-added components for renewable-energy infrastructure that is in high demand around the world. This is what our manufacturing base should be building.

Further afield, China has several provinces that are using carbon trading and it will have a national carbon trading regime in place by 2017, putting Shanghai in a position to be a global leader in carbon financing, a position we want Toronto to be in.

Paulson's reasoning on climate change should give pause to his Conservative peers here. His views match our federal and provincial governments who know we need a pollution price. Through such sensible measures, we may modernize our economy in order to meet the challenges ahead.

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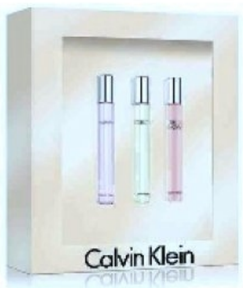

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Top health issues of 2017

INSIGHT

Canada's outgoing chief doctor talks future threats

Genna Buck
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During his tenure as Canada's official top doctor, Gregory Taylor spent much of his time responding to two viruses that weren't on our radar a few years ago: Ebola and Zika.

"The list of what I didn't get to is very long," said Taylor, who left the post last week.

In between global health crises, he issued reports to parliament on alcohol abuse and family violence and worked on educating the public about how closely health and lifestyle are connected. He even calls the health-care system the "disease care system."

In a wide-ranging conversation with Metro, Taylor outlined the health issues he thinks will dominate the years to come. And he has some ideas for how the next Chief Public Health Officer should face them.

On lifestyle diseases

There's a very long list of things we need to be focusing on. But the top one for me is lifestyle diseases. These problems are wickedly complicated. And the solutions to these problems are outside the health sector. By lifestyle, I mean obesity, physical activity, poor nutrition. One of the indicators of that is diabetes. Our rates in the last few years have virtually doubled. We're not really getting ahead at all on obesity. It's a reflection of a developed society where we eat ourselves sick.

On healthy cities

We've known for many, many years that the built environment has a huge effect on health. Some cities are very hot and it's hard on some people. The walkability of cities and the availability of rapid transit are extremely important. I work with the age-friendly cities initiative at the World Health Organization. And age-friendly cities are healthy for everyone because they're easy to get around in.

On superbugs

Antimicrobial resistance is a big issue that we're trying to face. Organisms naturally evolve and become resistant to antibiotics. We've been OK up to now because there've been new ones that have been invented. Well, we've been overusing antibiotics in humans and animals and the rate at which they become resistant has increased. The drug companies aren't producing new antibiotics. This is a real, global crisis, and if we don't address this we're going to go back to the pre-antibiotic era — infections can kill you, and we won't be able to do minor surgical procedures.

> **It's a reflection of a society where we eat ourselves sick.**
> Dr Gregory Taylor, on diabetes rates

On the direction of research

We need research to make sure we're implementing the knowledge and science we already have. It took us 40 years to get tobacco rates down. And we knew for a long, long time how dangerous tobacco was. We focus a lot on educating people. And that's great. But it's not sufficient to do behaviour change. Vaccination hesitancy is a really good example. We have safe, effective, cheap interventions that prevent disease. Yet we have significant numbers of Canadians who don't trust that. So how do we convince those to trust us? That's some of the implementation research we need.

On what Canada's next top doctor will face

What keeps me up at night, and what I assume will keep the next person up at night, is that we really don't know what those unforeseen things are. Nobody could have predicted Ebola. What's next? We're not sure. It's most likely, because of climate change and factors like that, that it's going to be a vector-borne disease (a disease, like malaria, that is spread from person to person by a vector such as mosquitoes). What keeps me up at night is making sure we have the right staff and the right competencies so that we're prepared no matter what.

Dr. Gregory Taylor sees lifestyle diseases, antimicrobial resistance and healthier cities as key issues facing his successor as the nation's top medic. ISTOCK;THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Mommy brain is real

PREGNANCY

Memory stays intact, but MRI data signals definite change

Results of the study hint that such upgrades may prepare a woman for motherhood. ISTOCK

Pregnancy affects not only a woman's body: It changes parts of her brain too, a new study says.

When researchers compared brain scans of women before and after pregnancy, they spotted some differences in 11 locations. They also found hints that the alterations help women prepare for motherhood. For example, they might help a mother understand the needs of her infant, Elseline Hoekzema, a study author, explained.

Hoekzema is a neuroscientist at Leiden University in the Netherlands who began working on the study while at the Autonomous University of Barcelona in Spain. She and colleagues present the results in a paper released by the journal Nature Neuroscience.

It includes data on 25 Spanish women scanned before and after their first pregnancies, along with 20 women who didn't get pregnant during the study. The brain changes in the pregnancy group emerged from comparisons of those two groups.

And the changes, first documented an average of 10 weeks after giving birth, were mostly still present two years later. Studies showed they're a motherhood thing: No brain changes were seen in first-time fathers.

The women showed no declines on tests of memory. Based on prior research findings, the researchers think the brain changes happened during pregnancy rather than after childbirth.

What's going on? Hoekzema and colleagues think the differences result from sex hormones that flood the brain of a pregnant woman. In the 11 places, the MRI data indicate reductions in volume of the brain's grey matter, but it's not clear what that means. It could reflect loss of brain cells or a pruning of the places where brain cells communicate, called synapses.

Losing some synapses is not necessarily a bad thing. It happens during adolescence, producing more specialized and efficient brain circuits. Researchers suspect that could be happening in the pregnant women.

The affected brain areas overlapped with circuitry that's involved in figuring out what another person is thinking and feeling. That's a handy ability for a mother tending to an infant.

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Natalie Bobier-Gariépy named her baby Liam, which is Canada's top boy name for 2016. CONTRIBUTED

BABY NAMES

Liam and Sophia are country's top names

Canada's only countrywide list of baby names has tabulated its 2016 data and found that Liam and Sophia are the most popular choices this year.

Emma and Olivia rounded out the top Canadian girls' names, while Noah and Lucas were the other two most-popular names for boys.

The Top 100 list was compiled by BabyCenter.ca, which sends new parents newsletters that track their child's development. When parents register for the baby updates, the child's name is put into their private database, which is the basis for the list.

Many new parents chose "strong" names for their daughters in 2016. The name Adele jumped 33 places, Canadian kids were named Hillary and Clinton (given to a boy), and the Obama effect was even felt up north: Michelle found a spot in the Top 100 after several years off the list entirely.

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THE TOP 10

Canada's hottest names for 2016:

Girls: (1) Sophia, **(2)** Olivia, **(3)** Emma, **(4)** Charlotte, **(5)** Ava, **(6)** Chloe, **(7)** Zoey, **(8)** Amelia, **(9)** Abigail, **(10)** Mia.

Boys: (1) Liam, **(2)** Noah, **(3)** Lucas, **(4)** Oliver, **(5)** Benjamin, **(6)** Logan, **(7)** Owen, **(8)** Jacob, **(9)** Jack, **(10)** Ethan.

No turbulence for canines in the cabin

HOLIDAY TRAVEL

Can dogs fly? Of course, as long as owners prep well and pooch behaves

Carli Stephens-Rothman
For Torstar News Service

When I arrive at the airport, I have a smile on my face and two brand-name bags strapped to my body. Over my left arm, I've got my new Lug bag, which is both terribly cute and mysteriously convenient. Over my right arm, I'm toting a less stylish, far more cumbersome Sherpa bag. The Lug contains everything I need for a five-day vacation and it's overhead compatible. It's literally a miracle bag. The Sherpa contains only my dog. It's figuratively an anvil.

About five years ago, I decided to stop passing up opportunities to travel simply because I couldn't find a pet sitter. I figured — since she's essentially a loaf of bread with legs, therefore small enough to join me in the cabin — why not? At this point, I don't think twice before including my pet as a fellow passenger.

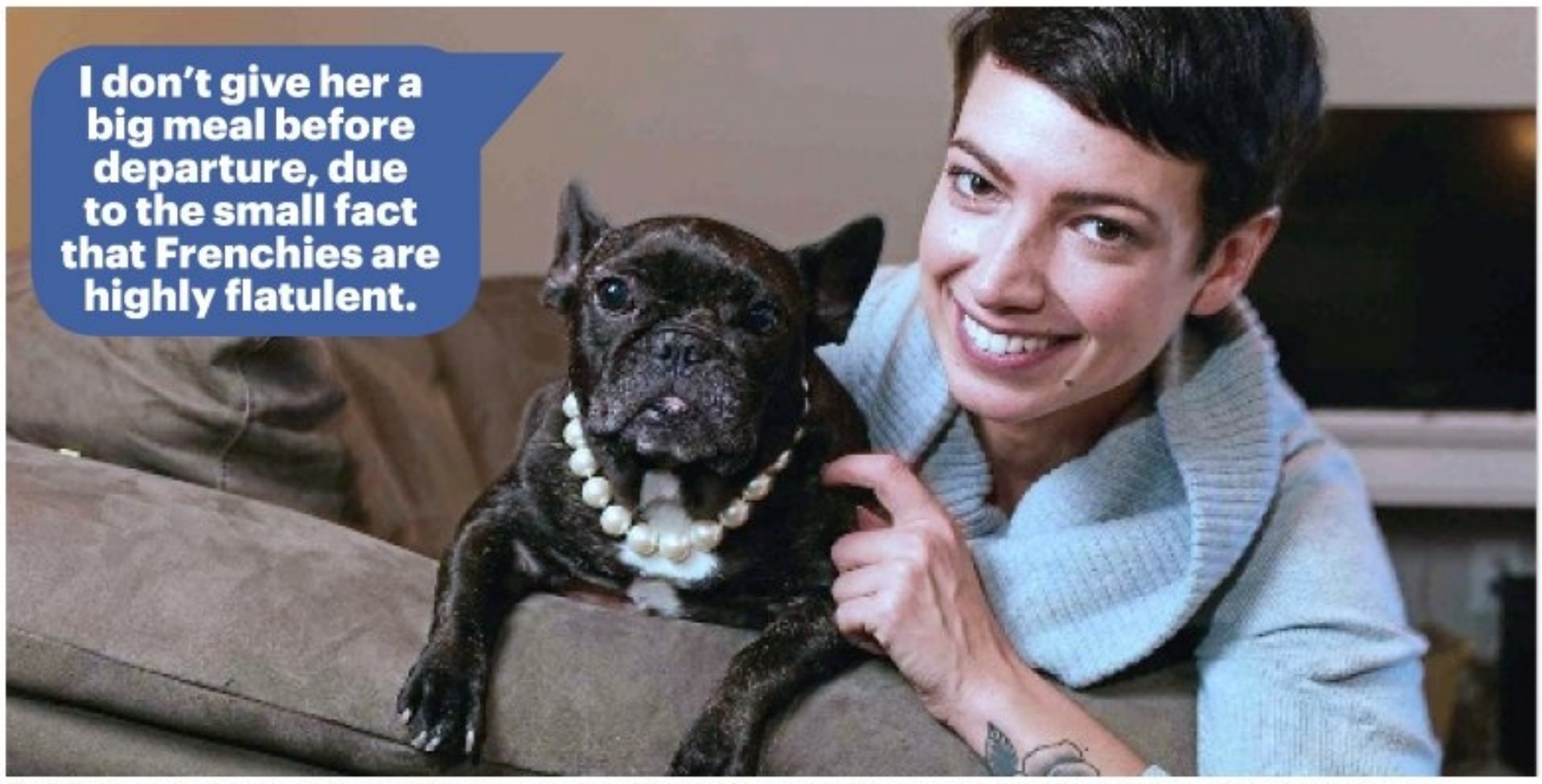
Last month, flying back to Victoria from Edmonton, a woman came to gush over Fig, my dog, who was peeking out of the carrier as I purchased a pre-flight coffee. "A PUGGG," she squealed in the direction of the Sherpa. I've learned to practise acceptance around people who mistake my Frenchie for other flat-faced breeds. After all, as far as I'm concerned, all cats and all babies look exactly the same.

"She's a French bulldog," I correct her politely.

"Does she fly often? Is she quiet on the plane? Does it scare her to be in the air? What if she has to pee? What do the other passengers think?"

I forget sometimes that flying with a pet is an experience not many people have had.

Yes, she flies often — three or four times a year and once I win Lotto 6/49, she'll be sky-bound weekly! Most major hotels keep pet-friendly suites at no extra cost.



Carli Stephens-Rothman with her dog Fig, a seven and a half year old French bulldog, complete with pearls. KEN FAUGHT/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fig is generally a quiet dog, but even more so when we're in flight. Our vet told us that the vibrations of the plane are actually quite soothing, as it reminds dogs of lying up against their mother. So, cruising altitude for me is snoozing altitude for her. As for best potty practices, it's recommended to limit a dog's water intake for three hours pre-flight. In Fig's case, I don't give her a big meal before departure, due to the small fact that Frenchies are highly flatulent. Let's just say I've skipped many an in-flight movie to watch the drama unfold — a woman nudging her husband accusingly over a fart he didn't commit; his expression of innocence and confusion.

Truth be told, the most challenging part of flying with pets are the people on planes without pets. Not everyone is happy to have an animal on board. I've had people ask to switch seats to be farther from us and once I had someone ask me if I couldn't just "catch the next one," because "dog-smell" upsets her, as if air travel was like public transit and another flight to Winnipeg would be along in five minutes. In those cases, I just keep my head down and try not to comment on the fact that their smell, a bouquet of duty free perfume, is incinerating my sinuses.

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Most major airlines flying within Canada accommodate pets, assuming they're under about 10 kilograms, for about $60 round trip.

"But what about legitimate pet allergies," you may wonder. Tough Milk-bones, I guess. Most airlines will help allergy-ridden travellers by switching their seats to be further from the sneeze-inducing creature, but aside from that, allergy sufferers are not left with many options. Air Canada, for example, only allows one pet per flight, but many flights have just that.

If I want to have the privilege of flight with my fur-babe, I have to be respectful. That means answering questions amiably and handling the more fragrant naysayers with grace. It also means following the rules at all times; not taking her out of her bag in the cabin, only walking her on the leash in airports that permit it, having all health-related documents ready in advance and returning to the luggage trolley to collect my bags only after I've taken her outside to relieve herself.

Overall, though the pet carrier's heavy, I feel much lighter knowing my dog's by my side. Travelling with Fig comes down to just this: Passport? Check. Boarding pass? Yep. House keys? Probably not, but I'll figure that out when I get back. Snorting, scratching, farting four-legged beast? It wouldn't be a vacation without one.

JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

Savouring a return trip to wonderland

The SNL cast of 1975 get festive. CONTRIBUTED

THE SHOW: Saturday Night Live Christmas Special THE MOMENT: Winter Wonderland

Toward the end of this compilation of skits from SNL's 50-odd Christmas shows, this gem rose up from the very first season.

Dec. 20, 1975. Candice Bergen is hosting. Garrett Morris, in a red sweater and green-and-white striped scarf, begins singing Winter Wonderland into a hand mike. He sings really well. Backing him is the long-haired, bearded SNL house band, dressed as scruffy angels.

After a few bars, Bergen, Gilda Radner, Laraine Newman and Jane Curtin dash onstage and join in around one standing mike. They're wearing red caps, red T-shirts that read "Merry Christmas," and grey sweatpants tucked into very '70s boots. A few bars later, Chevy Chase, Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi stroll in wearing pea coats and scarves; they add a basso doo-wop. As the song builds to its final verse, low-rent snow begins to fall.

This number was a time machine for me — suddenly I was 13 years old, watching it for the first time on the red Panasonic in my childhood bedroom, in love with the cast and itching for New York. Its no-budget shabbiness was part of the glamour; its thrown-together feel radiated joy.

Everyone looks impossibly young, especially Radner and Belushi, whom we lost too soon. But I didn't feel nostalgia. I was there: in the ache of Christmas, yearning for a big life. It's not that I don't remember who I was or what things were like then. It's the opposite. I still feel like that person. It's the years in between that blur.

SNL returns Jan. 14 to NBC and Global.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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NHL EYEING A RETURN TO THE WIN COLUMN
Flames centre Sean Monahan skates with the puck in front of Coyotes left-winger Jamie McGinn on Monday in Glendale, Ariz. The Flames were looking to snap a two-game losing streak. Go to metronews.ca for the story.
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IN BRIEF

Panthers owner tapped for U.S. Army secretary
U.S. President-elect Donald Trump chose Florida Panthers owner Vincent Viola on Monday to serve as army secretary.

Vincent Viola
GETTY IMAGES

Viola, a 1977 West Point graduate who bought the Panthers in 2013, will need to be confirmed by the Senate. If that happens, pending NHL approval, his roles as chairman and governor of the club would be filled by Doug Cifu.
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Poulin's overtime goal lifts Canada over U.S.
Captain Marie-Philip Poulin scored just 42 seconds into overtime as Canada rallied to a 3-2 win over the United States on Monday in an exhibition between the two women's hockey powerhouses.

Jennifer Wakefield blasted a one-timer from the hashmarks to tie the game with 24 seconds left to play, forcing the extra period for Canada. Rebecca Johnston had scored early in the first.

Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson and Hilary Knight gave the United States a 2-1 lead by the second intermission.
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Finns flattened by Canadian juniors

HOCKEY

Jost, Raddysh each score two goals in shutout win

There was no stopping Canada when Tyson Jost and his teammates stormed out of the gate.

Jost scored the first of his two first-period goals only 11 seconds into the game as Canada cruised to a 5-0 victory over Finland in a pre-tournament game Monday night ahead of the world junior hockey championship.

"I thought we controlled the play and the pace down low, when we stayed out of the penalty box," said Jost, a University of North Dakota winger from Kelowna, B.C. "That was good to see.

"And we used our speed. We really moved the puck around and played fast.

It was just the way a Canadian team lacking exceptional stars but deep in speed and skill wants to play as it guns for gold at the world junior event that opens Dec. 26 in Montreal and Toronto.

Taylor Raddysh and Mathew Barzal also scored as Canada got four past Vaini Vehvilainen on 16 first-period shots. Raddysh added another in the third while Carter Hart, who has yet to allow a goal in game action since the beginning of the team's selection camp last week, stopped all 25 shots he faced. Canada fired 30 at Finland's net.

Canada's Jeremy Lauzon collides with Finland's Aaro Vidgren in Montreal on Monday.
GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The only negative factor was that the Canadian took seven minor penalties.

"It was all sticks," coach Dominique Ducharme said of the infractions. "We're aware of that and we'll make sure we correct it."

It was the first meeting between the two teams since Finland eliminated Canada in the quarter-finals of last year's world junior event in Helsinki. The Finns sent a young squad to this year's tournament, which was evident in the first period.

"It was just a hard period for us," said defenceman Olli Juolevi of the London Knights, the Finnish captain. "Half the team was coming from Europe and it was maybe their first period on a small rink, which is not an easy thing to do. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WEARING THE C

- Dylan Strome, an Erie Otter forward who started the season with the Arizona Coyotes, was named captain of Team Canada earlier Monday.
- Mathew Barzal and Thomas Chabot will serve as alternate captains.

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Reds tops in Merseyside derby

PREMIER LEAGUE

Mane's winner sends Everton faithful home disappointed

Sadio Mane grabbed the winner in the fourth minute of injury time as Liverpool beat Everton 1-0 on Monday to head into Christmas in second place in the Premier League and extend its recent dominance of Merseyside derbies.

Substitute Daniel Sturridge's low long-range shot dribbled against the post and Mane tapped the rebound into an empty net, sparking wild celebrations among Liverpool supporters that saw two red flares thrown onto the field.

After a 227th derby match that was frantic and bereft of quality and scoring chances, Liverpool moved above Manchester City and back to within six points of Chelsea, which has won its last 11 league games.

Everton's struggles in this local rivalry continued — the blue half of Merseyside has been victorious only once in the past 20 meetings — but Liverpool didn't look like a side that started the match on top of the league's scoring charts with 40 goals until Mane came to the rescue.

"The plan of Everton was wild football," Liverpool manager Juergen Klopp said. "It was a battle and we were ready."

It won't be a match that lingers long in the memory, except for the dramatic late goal and a shocking challenge by Everton's Ross Barkley on England teammate Jordan Henderson that could easily have earned him a red card. Instead, it was one of four bookings in a fixture that has produced more red cards — 21 — than any other in Premier League history.

"It was pretty late," Henderson said. "I know him well, I'm good friends with him. Obviously he mistimed the tackle and he apologized after. It's a derby — it doesn't matter if you're friends off the field."

Continuing their momentum from the 2-1 win over Arsenal at Goodison Park last week, Everton's players tore into Liverpool in the frantic opening minutes that were marked by high energy and misplaced passes. Everton defender Ramiro Funes Mori set the tone with a powerful early header and the hosts were both stronger in the tackle and first to the ball.

They didn't look like scoring, though, and Liverpool had established an element of control by the half-hour mark. Divock Origi snatched at a low cross by Nathaniel Clyne in the 37th, sending his effort wide, and the first half ended with neither side having a shot on target.

Liverpool stayed on top after halftime, with Everton goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg blocking Roberto Firmino's attempted lob before hobbling off injured after clashing with teammate Leighton Baines. The lengthy period of treatment for Stekelenburg's injury was the main reason for the eight minutes of stoppage time, of which Liverpool took full advantage.

Sturridge came on for Origi and with one of his first touches, the striker sent in the shot that led to the winning goal and ended Everton's nine-month unbeaten home record in the league. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DIVISION TABLE

	GP	W-D-L	Pts.
Chelsea	17	14-1-2	43
Liverpool	17	11-4-2	37
Man City	17	11-3-3	36
Arsenal	17	10-4-3	34
Tottenham	17	9-6-2	33
Man United	17	8-6-3	30
S'hampton	17	6-6-5	24
West Brom	17	6-5-6	23
Everton	17	6-5-6	23
Bournemouth	17	6-3-8	21
Stoke City	17	5-6-6	21
Watford	17	6-3-8	21
West Ham	17	5-4-8	19
Middlesbrough	17	4-6-7	18
Leicester	17	4-5-8	17
Burnley	17	5-2-10	17
Crys. Palace	17	4-3-10	15
Sunderland	17	4-2-11	14
Swansea	17	3-3-11	12
Hull City	17	3-3-11	12

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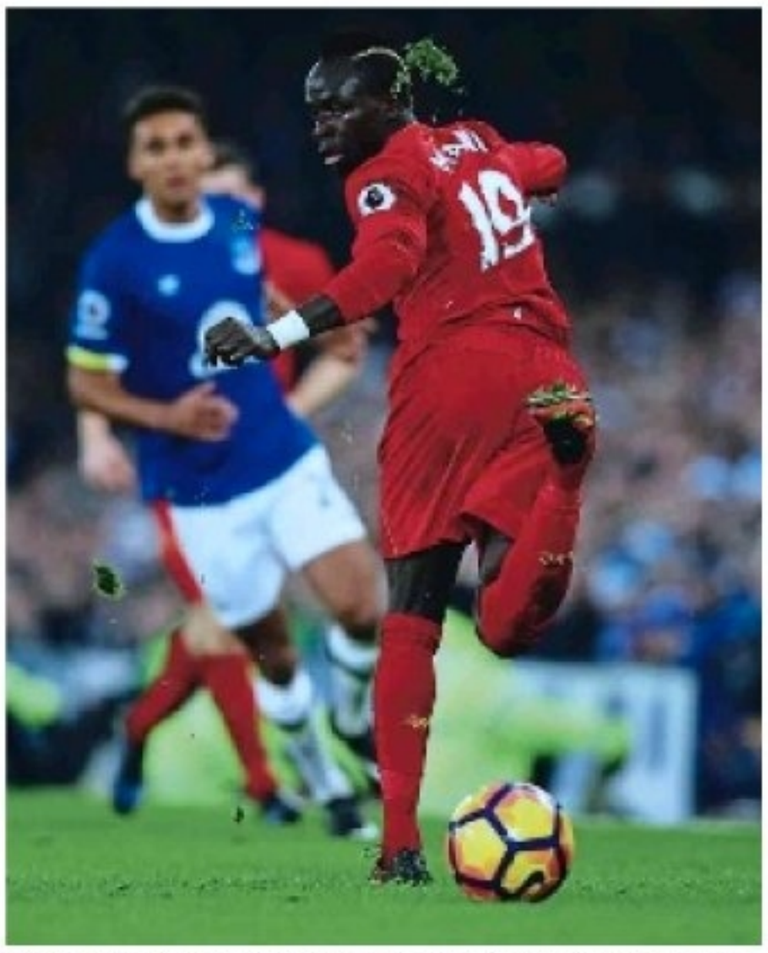

Sadio Mane flicks a pass on to a teammate during the Merseyside derby at Everton's Goodison Park on Monday in Liverpool.
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WORLD CUP

FIFA fines British federations for poppy display at qualifiers

England's Kyle Walker, right, and Scotland's Leigh Griffiths during a world cup qualifier. GETTY IMAGES

The four British soccer federations were fined Monday by FIFA for displaying poppies at World Cup qualifying matches in November to honour their war dead.

England's federation must pay 45,000 Swiss francs ($43,800 US) for the "display of a political symbol" at a home match against Scotland on Nov. 11. Scotland was fined 20,000 Swiss francs ($19,500 US).

In other decisions, Romania was punished for a firework thrown at Poland striker Robert Lewandowski, Greece was fined for a fan banner against Bosnia-Herzegovina which referred to the Srebrenica massacre, and Chile was sanctioned again because of the anti-gay slurs chanted by its fans.

England and Scotland defied FIFA advice and its rules against the use of political, religious or personal symbols on kit and in stadiums, and players wore black armbands embroidered with poppies.

FIFA's rules prohibiting symbolism in stadiums were drafted and approved by the four British federations, who are members of IFAB, soccer's rule-making panel.

Still, the England soccer federation has argued its ceremonial use of poppies is non-political, and it intends to appeal to FIFA.

"It is disappointing that FIFA has not recognized the sentiment of the poppy, which is not a political symbol," British sports minister Tracey Crouch said in a statement Monday.

"Poppies are a poignant tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of our servicemen and women, and footballers and fans alike should be able to wear them with pride."

Wales and Northern Ireland were fined 20,000 Swiss francs ($19,500) and 15,000 Swiss francs ($14,600), respectively. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Knee surgery to force Clippers star from lineup
Blake Griffin of the Los Angeles Clippers will have surgery on Tuesday to clean out his right knee, and is expected to miss three to six weeks. The Clippers said the surgery will be "a routine arthroscopic procedure" to remove loose bodies from the knee. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roughriders' Golding gets two games for positive test
Saskatchewan Roughriders linebacker Marvin Golding has been suspended for two games for testing positive for an anabolic steroid.

It's Golding's first violation of the joint drug policy of the CFL and CFLPA. The suspension takes effect once Golding is eligible to play a regular season game. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Texans slot Savage into starting QB role vs. Bengals
Tom Savage will start at quarterback for the Houston Texans on Saturday against the Cincinnati Bengals.

Coach Bill O'Brien announced the decision on Monday, a day after Savage took over in the second quarter when Brock Osweiler was benched against the Jacksonville Jaguars. Savage threw for 260 yards to help Houston rally from a 13-point deficit for a 21-20 win. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CYCLING

British doping hearing gets testy

British cycling is shrouded in a cloud that "relates to doping," a legislator said Monday, prompting a defiant defence of its integrity by the architects of the country's successful Olympic and Tour de France programs.

Most of the questioning of Team Sky and British Cycling leaders during testy exchanges at British parliamentary doping hearings related to a medical package sent to star rider Bradley Wiggins five years ago.

Team Sky head Dave Brailsford ended two months of mystery surrounding the package — that was hand delivered from England to the 2011 Dauphine Libere race in France by British Cycling employee Simon Cope — by disclosing that it was a legal decongestant.

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But Brailsford could not say whether there was written evidence that Fluimucil was in the package that is being investigated by Britain's anti-doping agency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Elegant Leek and Artichoke Frittata

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This pale green beauty comes together in no time with quick-cooking leeks and soft, canned artichokes. Goat cheese and Dijon mustard give it just enough bite.

Ready in 20 minutes
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 leek, washed thoroughly, sliced thinly
- 1 can (14 oz) artichokes, drained
- 8 eggs
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- Salt and pepper
- 2 oz goat cheese crumbled
- 3 scallions, sliced

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.

2. In a large, oven-proof skillet, warm up the olive oil over medium heat. Sauté the garlic and leeks until they soften, about 3 minutes. Now add the artichokes and stir.

3. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, Dijon mustard, and season with salt and pepper. Gently pour the eggs over the vegetables in the skillet. Sprinkle the goat cheese and scallions over top.

4. Carefully place the skillet in the oven and bake for 15 minutes, until the frittata is set. Serve with a green salad.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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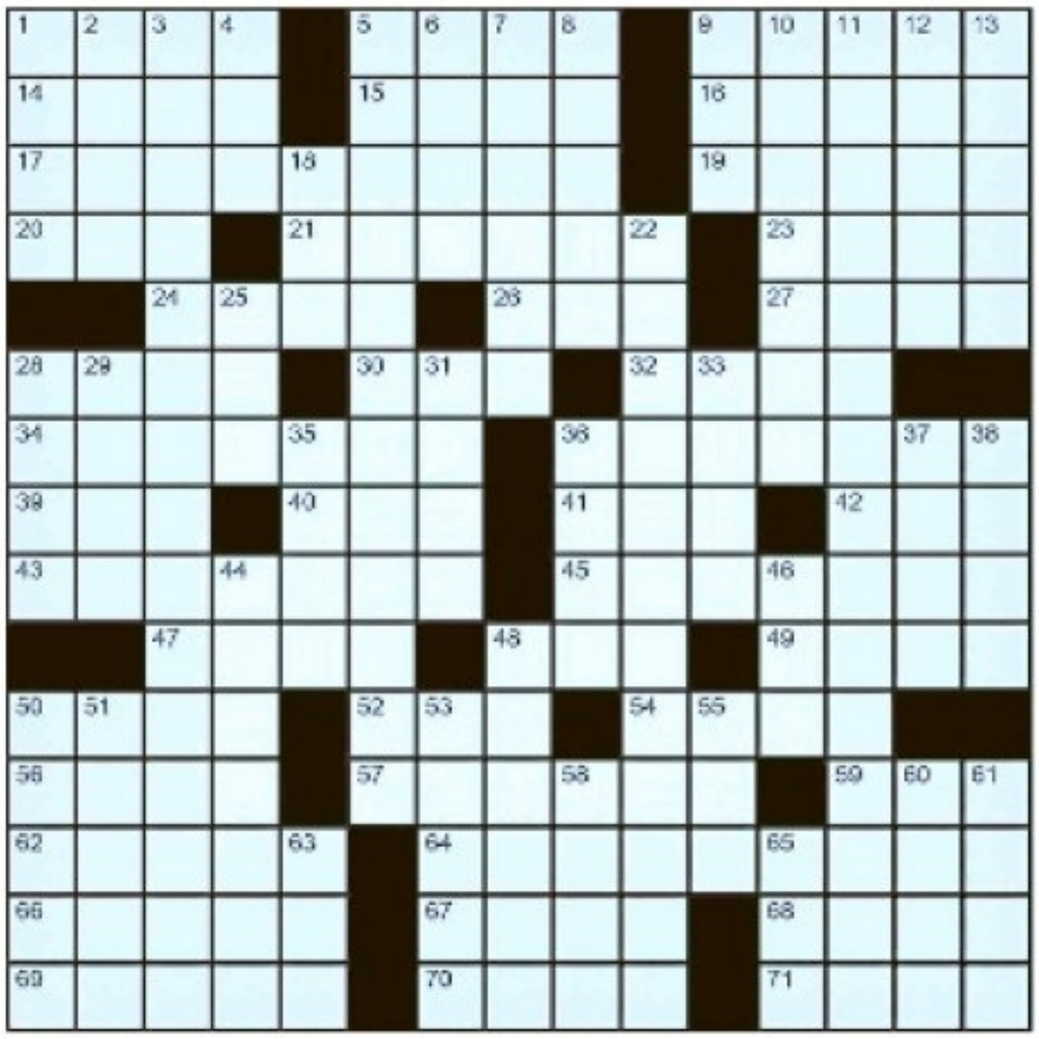

ACROSS
1. Monsieur Le Pew
5. Sleeves
9. Aunt's hubby, in Quebec
14. Perched above
15. Tooth part
16. "Oh, _ _ a wonderful time, thank you." (Couple's departing-a-party comment)
17. Community north of Brandon in Manitoba: 2 wds.
19. Barrel slat
20. T.O. transport provider
21. In and of _
23. Paul McCartney ballad: "Jenny _"
24. "Dedicated to the _ _ Love" by The Shirelles
26. "Fantasy Island" souvenir
27. Alberta town
28. Literature heroine Jane
30. '_' _ for Christmas
32. Ginger Spice
34. Sloppy Joe sauce brand
36. Carnivorous carvees at Christmas
39. Assoc.
40. "Chandelier" singer
41. Sequence, shortened
42. Web connector, commonly
43. Puffin, for one: 2 wds.
45. One acquiring knowledge
47. US campus mil. program
48. Ginger _
49. Macy Gray hit: 2 wds.
50. Bandmate to #32-Across: name + letter
52. Globe's long. crosser
54. Heel height unit
56. _ the crack of dawn: 2 wds.
57. Arise
59. Hesitant sounds
62. Mia Farrow's activist son
64. Scrooge's sour sentiment: 2 wds.
66. Farewell, in Rome
67. "Shall _ _ the table?" (Pre-dinner query)
68. Toolbox item
69. 'Mechanical Resonance' band
70. Red Rose products
71. Firewood-making needs

DOWN
1. Role
2. Coup d'_
3. Home-created Christmas tree decorations: 2 wds.
4. Prefix to 'centre'
5. Santa's toy manufacturing facility is located in this region: 2 wds.
6. Kings: French
7. Road trip accommodations
8. Fashion sense
9. "That hurts!" equivalents
10. CTV, for one
11. Island of Misfit Toys denizen in "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"
12. Washed
13. Paradises
18. Gambling cube
22. Ice skating formations: 2 wds.
25. Fresh
28. Some punk music fans
29. Lively
31. "If only _ _ known."
33. Earth goddess in Das Rheingold
35. "Whose Line _ _ Anyway?"
36. Cost
37. River of Flanders
38. Agile
44. Jingly sleigh-puller's bells location
46. Mr. Ocasek
48. Feeling calm: 2 wds.
50. Napoleon marshal, Joachim _ (b.1767 - d.1815)
51. Lyric poem
53. Scope
55. Modern, in Munich
58. Ms. Perlman
60. Govern
61. Boot camp titles, briefly
63. Cacharel perfume
65. Commerce deg.

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Observe your interactions with others during the next six weeks, because you could be your own worst enemy. It will be easy to fall into childish, self-defeating behaviour.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will be aggressive in the coming month when dealing with others, especially groups. This will help you if you coach a team; however, lighten up when with your friends.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Your ambition will be aroused in the next six weeks, which is why you will work hard to achieve what you want. Think about your goals for the coming year.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Your desire to travel will be strong during the next six weeks. Mars wants you to have a change of scenery. Meanwhile, steer clear of controversial issues involving politics, religion and race.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Disputes about shared property and the values of others might arise now. Stay mellow, because one man's meat is another man's poison.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will have to be extra patient with friends and partners during the next six weeks, because fiery Mars is opposite your sign. Forewarned is forearmed.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You'll find it easy to work hard and give your job everything you've got during the next six weeks. Be careful not to be bossy with others.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is the perfect time for many of you to take a cruise or slip away on a vacation, because you want to play! The next six weeks offer opportunities for fun and romance.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your home scene will be a bit chaotic during the next six weeks. This means you must be extra patient with family members and others at home.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
All your communication with others will be unusually direct and forthright in the next six weeks. It's a strong time for those who communicate for a living.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You will work hard until February to boost your earnings. Ironically, you also will work hard to spend your money.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Fiery Mars will be in your sign until the end of January, which makes you aggressive and pumped. This will give you lots of energy and help you get things done.

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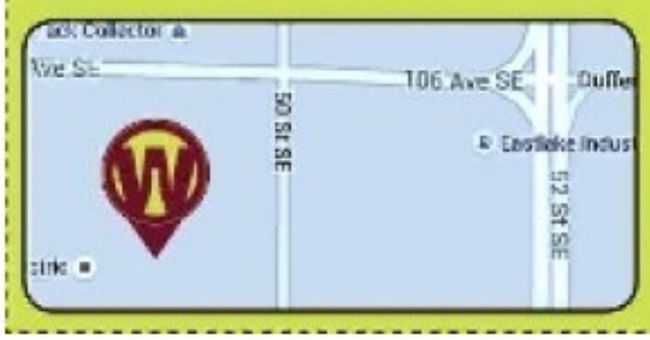

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